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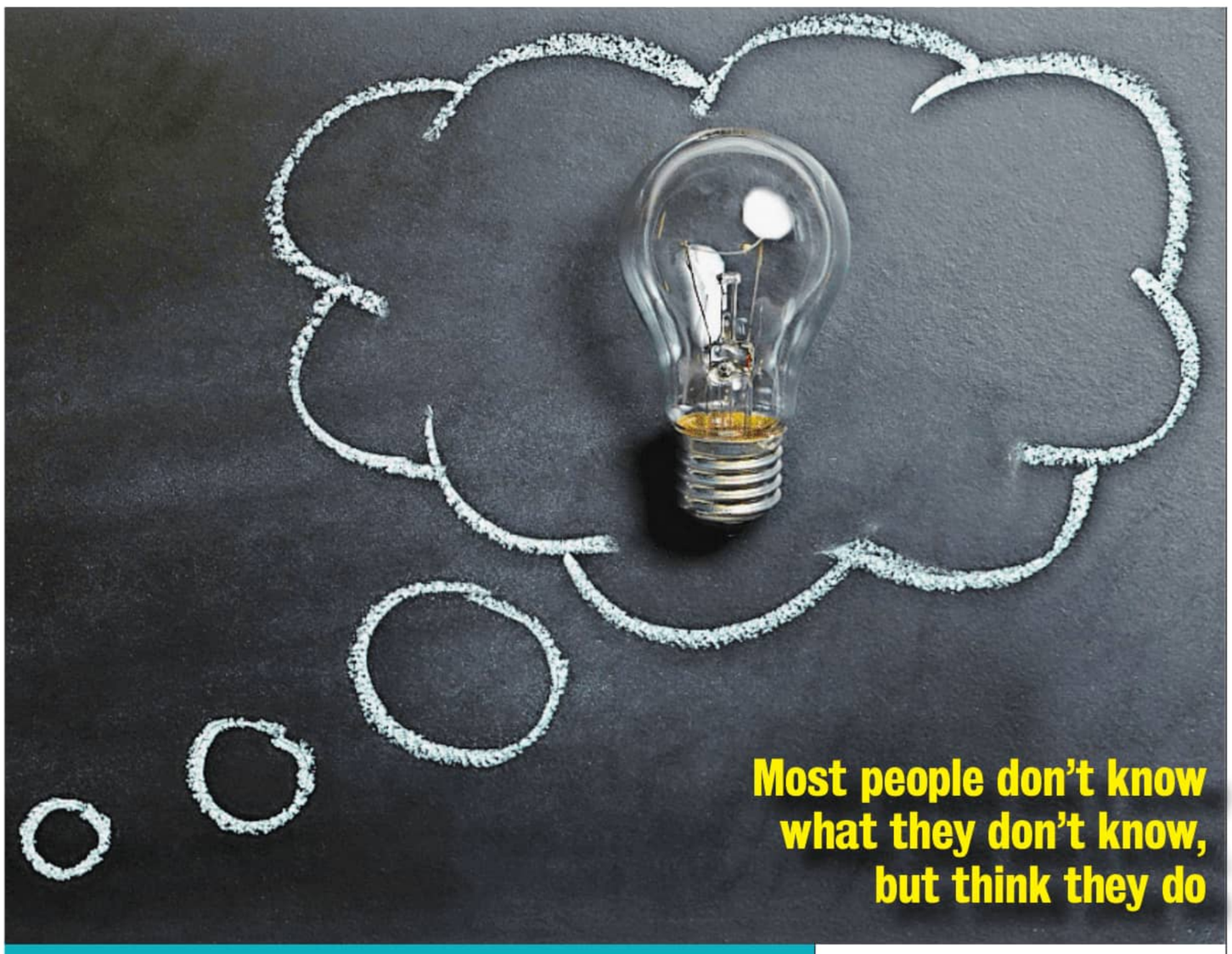


Most people don't know what they don't know, but think they do

ILLUSION OF KNOWLEDGE

Do you know what the Apple logo looks like? Chances are, you think you do. It's ubiquitous and iconic. How could you not know it? But when tested, it turns out very few people can remember all the features of the logo. One study of 85 people found that only about half could pick the correct logo out of a lineup of similar ones. And only one person could correctly draw it.

This isn't an isolated example. A classic study from 1979 found that people similarly couldn't draw a penny accurately or pick out a correctly drawn penny from incorrect ones.

People aren't just bad at remembering things they see all the time, but also in actually knowing how they work. In a 2006 study, many people made significant errors when drawing a bicycle, like putting the chain around the front wheel as well as the back wheel. More than just a forgotten detail, putting the chain around both wheels shows a deeper misunderstanding of how a bicycle works. A bicycle with a chain around both wheels wouldn't be able to turn.

It turns out people's knowledge of how the world works is often fragmented and sketchy at best. They systematically overestimate their understanding of everyday devices and natural phenomena. People will tend to give themselves high ratings on how well they understand something, such as how bicycles or zippers work. But when they're asked to actually explain the mechanics of these objects, their ratings of their understanding typically drop.

Just like how your knowledge of the world around you is imperfect, your knowledge about your own knowledge – also called metaknowledge – is often flawed. My field of cognitive science has been uncovering various gaps in human metaknowledge for decades.

If people are systematically overconfident about how well they understand things, why don't they notice when they don't understand something? And what can people do to better recognise the limits of their own knowledge?

Why you think you know more than you do

Researchers have identified several factors behind people's overconfidence in their knowledge.

One is that people confuse environmental support with understanding: The information is out in the world but not actually in your head. With a bicycle or a zipper, all of the parts are visible to you, and you may confuse this transparency for an internal understanding of how they work.

A second factor is confusing different levels of analysis. People can often describe how something works at a very high level. You know that the engine of a car makes the car go, and the brakes slow and stop the vehicle. But confidence in your high-level understanding of the car may bias you to think you also have a good grasp of the finer details, like how the engine pistons and brake pads work.

Additionally, people can be blind to the ways their knowledge shapes their own perception.

This disconnect has consequences beyond whether someone else can understand your Morse code version of a song. When teaching people, whether in formal classroom settings or through casual mentorship, you can sometimes have an expert blind spot: the inability to recognise the difficulties beginners face when learning something you have expertise in.

How to address metaknowledge failures

Your metaknowledge can fail in two directions: You can think you know more than you do, and you can be blind to how much you're relying on knowledge you do have. Each calls for a different response to correct it.

When you're overconfident in your knowledge, the remedy is using that knowledge. You'll quickly realise how much you actually understand and dial down your confidence. Challenging yourself to actually try to walk through how something works is a great exercise in intellectual humility – that is, recognising that you may be wrong – and can keep you from getting out over your skis.

Building a greater appreciation for what you know is more difficult. You can't simply unlearn what you've internalised. But what this challenge shows is that, to some extent, knowing a subject and knowing how to teach it are two separate skills. Recognising that you have to approach teaching with humility, and that your expertise doesn't automatically make you a skilled teacher, can go a long way toward making you a better teacher and mentor.

(By Thomas Blanchard, Tufts University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Cognition, nutrition, movement strongest predictors of survival among elderly in India

A higher overall intrinsic capacity among older adults in India, especially better cognition, good nutrition and better ability to move, is related with a lower risk of death, according to a study published in The Lancet Regional Health Southeast Asia journal.

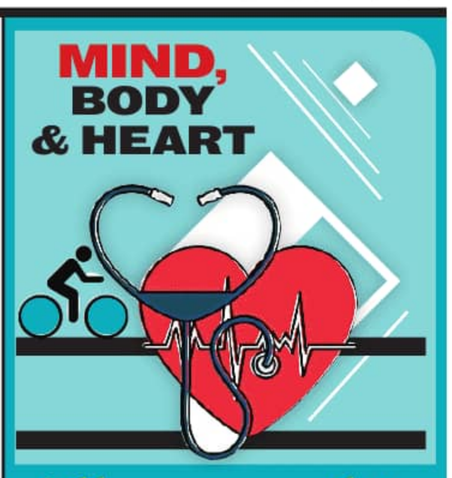
Findings from the analysis of data from the Longitudinal Aging Study in India-Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia (LASI-DAD) highlight how functional abilities and not just diseases should be looked at while planning healthcare and interventions for ageing populations, researchers said.

The team, including researchers from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, and National Health Service (NHS) Trust, University Hospitals Sussex in the UK, analysed data from 4096 community-dwelling individuals aged at least 60, 951 of whom died by the end of the study period.

Intrinsic capacity, a measure of physical and mental abilities combined, was evaluated across six domains of functioning – cognition, mood, nutrition, locomotion, vision and hearing.

Risk of mortality was found to increase progressively with the number of impaired domains of intrinsic capacity. Further, the researchers identified cognition, nutrition and locomotion (movement) as the strongest predictors of survival.

The team said that most evidence on intrinsic capacity comes from high-income countries, linking a higher score with a lower risk of death. They added that a few studies from low and middle-income countries, including India, have measured intrinsic capacity but none have looked at its relationship with mortality over time. The study provides long-term evidence from India validating WHO's framework of intrinsic capacity in a low and middle-income setting, the team said. —PTI



All you need to know about...

Bonding with loved ones

There is always a way to show up for those who mean everything to us. Even as a busy adult, you can add joy to your loved ones' lives – and your own.

Make time for what matters

If you live at home or nearby, sharing a meal together can mean a lot. Join your family for a morning or evening walk. Share those light-hearted inside jokes that no one outside your family can understand. Plan a trip together and be involved in the details. Make new memories together.

Acts that show you care

Make an effort to understand what each of your family members likes. Cook your mom's favourite meal as a surprise for her. Pot that plant, help your sibling with their homework or take care of small household tasks. Call the electrician, get those socket placements fixed or help your dad with his insurance papers. These small acts often mean the most.

Listen more

Be present – even if you live miles away from your family. Listening, being available and checking in on a regular basis can make a big difference. Even if a conversation does not directly involve you, try to stay in the loop without interfering.

Make well-being collective effort

Keep track of everyone's health. You might not have to monitor whether they're taking their medication on time, but it helps to know their roster of meds in case of an emergency. Gently remind them of monthly check-ups. At the same time, make sure you're doing everything you can to stay healthy yourself, both mentally and physically. —Femina

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EVERY DROP COUNTS

Volunteers carry bottles/cans of water during morning walks around Vengaiah Lake to nurture saplings that would otherwise have withered away

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ON CHOPPING BOARD

Tree Expert Committee grants permissions to cut or remove 349 trees — some for parking space, others for various infra projects

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Citizen creates platform to map out garbage blackspots in city, captures extent of brewing waste management crisis — 4,431 complaints lodged in just over 1 month of which only 195 have be resolved so far

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH

South Bengaluru records maximum complaints, possibly because of alert citizenry of the area

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TRASH BOMB IS TICKING

A citizen-led platform documenting Bengaluru's garbage issues has revealed the scale of the mounting waste management crisis. NammaKasa, a web platform launched by Bengaluru-based product designer Jyothish VM, has logged 4,431 garbage complaints across 337 wards in just over a month.

However, only 195 complaints have been resolved so far, leaving 4,236 unresolved, with a resolution rate of just 4.4%. Data from the platform also shows that only 12.3% of complaints were cleared within 24 hours, while nearly half, 49.2%, took over a week to be resolved.

What began as a frustrated reaction during an evening walk has now turned into a city-wide citizen

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> **"While this shows that people across these wards know about the web app and have been actively engaging and complaining, which is a good sign, it also paints a picture of the number of garbage issues in many wards that are persisting**
>
> —Jyothish VM, product designer and creator of app

Snatched away

B'luru records highest kidnapping-for-ransom cases among major metros in country

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Bengaluru has reported the highest number of kidnapping-for-ransom cases among major Indian metropolitan centres, according to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (2024).

The NCRB figures show that Bengaluru recorded 36 cases of kidnapping for ransom and related offences in a single year under Sections 140(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the earlier Section 364A of the Indian Penal Code. This translates to nearly three such cases every month in the city.

Among the 19 major cities analysed in the NCRB report, Bengaluru topped the list, ahead of Jaipur, which recorded 23 cases, Kolkata with 14 and Delhi with 13. Several other metropolitan cities, including Hyderabad, Lucknow, Surat and Indore, reported zero such cases during the same period. The report also showed Bengaluru's kidnapping-for-ransom crime rate stood at 0.4 per lakh population, significantly higher than the national average of 0.1 among major Indian cities.

Experts say the figures are particularly worrying because kidnapping-for-ransom is considered a high-impact organised crime category that often indicates deeper criminal networking and financial targeting.

"Unlike impulsive crimes, kidnapping for ransom usually involves planning, surveillance and coordination. Even if the numbers appear smaller compared to other offences, these crimes create

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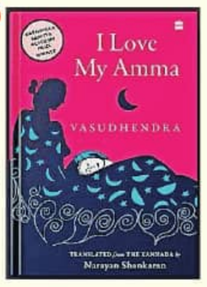
THINGS TO DO

01 Evocative evening



Atta Galatta is bringing an evocative discussion on I Love My Amma, a collection of essays that serve as a tender, funny and deeply moving tribute to mothers and the complex bonds shared with them. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 15, 6 pm**

02 Candlelight serenade

Candlelight® by Live Your City returns to Bengaluru this season, offering audiences intimate evenings where thousands of glowing candles transform venues into immersive settings for unforgettable live music experiences. **Where: Alliance Française de Bangalore; When: May 17, 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm**

03 Eco tales

ALT EFF Film Club is presenting a lineup of 4 short films, each bringing its own flavour of environmental storytelling, followed by ALT EFF Voices, an open mic where audience members share short, personal, environment-related stories. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: May 15, 7 pm**

04 Mic drop

Indiranagar SOCIAL will host She-nanigans, a women-only karaoke night featuring Bengaluru's popular KJs Tanya and Prashanth, with sing-alongs, dance-offs, complimentary drinks and signature food and community vibe. **Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL; When: May 15, 8 pm**

05 Deals gone wild

Daysie RR Nagar celebrates its 2nd anniversary with 'Sakkath Nights, Sakkath Prices', a week-long celebration bringing together value-driven offers and a line-up of Kannada music-led experiences. **Where: Daysie, RR Nagar; When: Until May 17, 12 pm onwards**

Rising heat drives surge in UTI cases

Dehydration caused by excessive sweating and inadequate fluid intake paired with delayed urination during travel and poor hygiene in public restrooms increase UTI risk, say experts

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As the temperature in Bengaluru is about to touch the 35-degree mark, hospitals in the city say they are witnessing a surge in dehydration-related urinary tract infection (UTI) cases. Some city-based private hospitals said they have observed a nearly 50 per cent increase in UTI cases compared to earlier.

"We see around 3 to 5 cases daily. There is around a 40 to 50 per cent increase in UTI cases compared to earlier," said Dr Kavita Peter Gonsalves, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Bannerghatta Road.

While exact numbers varied between hospitals, clinicians indicated that outpatient visits for urinary infections increased due to high temperatures leading to dehydration and prolonged urine retention. Compared to cooler months, hospitals often see a higher volume of patients with burning urination, recurrent infections and urinary discomfort.

Healthcare experts explained that excessive sweating combined with inadequate fluid intake can cause dehydration, which reduces urination and prevents bacteria from being flushed out, thereby increasing the risk of urinary tract infections. According to experts, summer travel and outdoor activities established a connection to the situation. The practice of delaying urination during travel or extended outdoor activities led to increased chances of infection for many people. The combination of unsanitary hygiene habits, together with high public restroom usage, significantly heightens risk of bacterial exposure, leaving individuals vulnerable to infections.

City-based hospitals report increase in UTI cases compared to earlier

Doctors suggest staying hydrated with 2–3 litres of water daily, wearing breathable clothing, reducing urine retention and avoiding scented intimate products, among other measures, to help prevent UTIs

Bengaluru's notoriously long traffic snarls combined with demanding work schedules have only aggravated the problem, as countless commuters end up delaying urination for hours at a stretch and even consciously reducing their intake of water to avoid discomfort.

"Summer heat plays a major role because the body loses more fluids through sweating, leading to dehydration and concentrated urine. Reduced urination allows bacteria to remain longer in the urinary tract, increasing the risk of infection. Women are particularly vulnerable due to anatomical factors," said Dr Sandhya Mishra, Milann Fertility and Birthing Hospital.

Doctors emphasise that urinary tract infections could, in many cases, be prevented through simple yet consistent lifestyle measures. They recommend staying well-hydrated by drinking at least three litres of water every day, choosing breathable clothing to minimise irritation and avoiding prolonged stretches of holding urine, which can increase the risk of infection.

Dr Shivani Chandan L of Aster RV Hospital highlighted that maintaining adequate hydration—around two to three litres of fluids daily—plays a crucial role in flushing bacteria from the urinary tract. She noted that women should consider avoiding excessive use of intimate washes, douches, or scented products, while individuals with diabetes should focus on keeping their blood sugar under control. She further stressed that early medical consultation is advisable whenever symptoms begin to appear. "Consult a doctor early if symptoms appear," she said.

Government directs stocking of essential medicines ahead of chemists' strike

The Karnataka Food Safety and Drug Administration Department has instructed district health officers to ensure adequate stocks of life-saving medicines ahead of the nationwide strike called by chemists and druggists on May 20. The strike, organised by the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists, is being held in protest against online medicine sales and heavy discounts offered by e-pharmacy platforms. Department Commissioner K Srinivas said discussions were held with office-bearers of chemists' associations through virtual meetings. Pharmacy stores located inside hospitals and nursing homes have been requested to remain open in the interest of public health. The department has also directed all district health officers to prevent shortages of essential medicines in government hospitals. Assistant drug controllers at the district level have been appointed as nodal officers to monitor the situation. **— BMB**

Transport employees to strike from May 20 over pay hike

Employee unions of Karnataka's four state-run transport corporations have announced an indefinite strike from May 20, alleging that the state government unilaterally approved only a 12.5 per cent salary hike despite workers demanding a 25 per cent increase in basic pay. The decision was taken during a joint action committee meeting chaired by KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation President Jyothi Ananthasubba Rao in Bengaluru. Union leaders accused the government of discrimination, pointing out that state government employees had already received a 27.5 per cent salary hike under the Seventh Pay Commission recommendations four years ago, while transport employees' demands remained unaddressed.

The unions also demanded that the revised pay structure be implemented retrospectively from January 1, 2024 instead of January 1, 2025. They also seek the merger of dearness allowance into basic pay, enhancement of annual increments, revision of allowances and clearance of pending dues worth Rs 1,272 crore in a single installment. A preparatory meeting ahead of the strike is scheduled for May 15. Responding to the development, Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said the government has already conveyed its decision on salary revision and would take a further call if employees proceed with the strike. **— BMB**

PGCET 2026 MBA and MCA exams postponed to June 14

As per Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), the PGCET 2026 entrance exam for MBA and MCA programmes scheduled for May 24 has been postponed to June 14, 2026. The exam is being postponed as it overlaps with UPSC examinations taking place on the same date. The Authority stated that the MTech/ME and DCET 2026 examinations will be conducted on May 23, and a notification has been issued by Executive Director H Prasanna. KEA also shared details of the NCC document verification process for candidates seeking NCC benefits under UGCET 2026, conducted at its office on May 14, where officials reviewed submissions and carried out the verification procedure. **— BMB**

Prostitution racket in rented homes busted

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) Women Protection Squad arrested two women for allegedly running a prostitution racket from rented houses in Bengaluru and rescued three women during raids conducted in Soladevanahalli and Byadarahalli police station limits.

According to police, the CCB Women Protection Squad received credible information from informants about prostitution activities being carried out from a rented house at 3rd Cross in Ajith Nagar under the Soladevanahalli police station limits, and another house at Vidhyaman Nagar on Andrahalli Main Road under the Byadarahalli police station limits.

Acting on the tip-off, CCB officers conducted raids at both locations on different dates. During the operation, the police took two women, who allegedly forced other women into prostitution, into custody and rescued three women involved in the activities.

During interrogation, the accused reportedly confessed that they contacted customers over the phone and invited them to the rented houses for prostitution activities to earn quick money.

Police said the racket operated discreetly from residential houses to avoid suspicion from local residents and authorities. Separate cases have been registered and further investigation is underway. **—BMB**

Power pole collapse leaves man injured

A 27-year-old man sustained spinal injuries after an electricity pole allegedly fell on him near the back gate of Ramaiah Hospital in Mathikere on April 29. Police said bystanders rushed him to the hospital for treatment.

According to officials, Areef Baba Fakruddin B was returning home from work and riding his two-wheeler between 5.30 pm and 6 pm when the incident occurred. Police registered a case against BESCOM officials for alleged negligence under Section 125(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and further investigation is underway. **—BMB**

Four arrested over Indiranagar burglary case

Indiranagar Police have seised 45 grams of gold and diamond jewellery and one AirPods amounting to a total of Rs 11 lakh on May 1. They arrested four persons from different states in this regard on April 30.

According to police records, a resident living on 8th Main Road, 80 Feet Road, filed a complaint on April 23 stating that unknown persons had cut the window grill to enter the house. Police said the accused allegedly stole gold and diamond jewellery kept in a cupboard and also took an AirPods device. After police nabbed the four accused, they recovered the stolen items from their bag. The court remanded them to judicial custody. **—BMB**

Minors exploited, filmed: 2 men arrested

The Karnataka Cyber Command has arrested Kiran Kumar, 29, and Aditya M K, 20, in connection with an alleged Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) case and seized three mobile phones belonging to the accused on May 12.

According to officials, the complaint involves two minor girls from Bengaluru South district. Police found that the victims were allegedly exploited and videos were created to upload on the internet. A case was registered at Kaggalipura Police Station on May 10 under Sections 67 and 67(B) of the Information Technology Act.

Based on information provided by the victim, police added Sections 65(2) and 70 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita along with Sections 4(2), 5(L), 5(M), 6, 14 and 15 of the POCSO Act, 2012, to the FIR.

Kiran hails from Chitradurga district, while Aditya, a swimming maintenance worker, is from Shivamogga district. Both accused belong to the Lambani community. **—BMB**

Medicine quality check portal launched

Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Thursday launched a monitoring portal for the detection of NSQ drugs and the prevention of misuse of NDPS, aimed at strengthening surveillance, transparency and accountability in public health.

To effectively monitor and control the movement of such drugs, the Food Safety and Drug Administration department has developed the portal to track Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) drug batches available with stockists and retailers, officials said.

Through this system, identified NSQ batches will be automatically locked, preventing any further sale or transaction of those products. The portal also provides real-time information to the department regarding available stock, stock-in-hand details and quantities returned to suppliers, ensuring better monitoring, transparency and public safety, they said.

The health minister said that whenever any medicine is found to be not of proper quality, action needs to be taken. **—PTI**

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Everyday walkers become guardians of Bengaluru's lake urban greenery

Vengaiah Lake walkers are carrying water daily, turning simple morning routines into collective mission for protecting hundreds of saplings through summer

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These volunteers have been rendering yeoman service for the survival of hundreds of saplings planted along the pathway of Vengaiah Lake in Bengaluru East. They are not only a lifeline for the saplings but also deserve to be role models for volunteers at other lakes in the city.

They launched the Bhagiratha initiative to encourage people who visit the lake for morning and evening walks to bring water in plastic bottles or cans as per their convenience. As the initiative gains success day by day, their joy knows no bounds.

"I used to water saplings at the layout where I reside for the last few years. Now, I am very happy to join like-minded lake activists who have been watering saplings at Vengaiah Lake. I bought a few plastic cans and took help from a private water supplier who agreed to fill the cans with water every day free of cost," said KN Guruprasad, a resident of TC Palya.

Naveen AB, a businessman who visits Vengaiah Lake for walks, said he joined hands with volunteers to water the saplings.

"I consider watering these saplings my responsibility towards the environment. I am very happy to be part of volunteers who work hard not only to water the saplings but also to keep the surroundings of the lake free from garbage," said Naveen. He said walkers who bring water in plastic bottles and small cans from home can also fetch water from the

Citizens bring water in mugs and bottles each day to protect saplings around the lake

cans he brings. "I also collect RO wastewater from home for watering saplings at the lake," he said. Rambabu M, a resident of TC Palya, said he carries water in plastic bottles whenever he visits the lake.

"Watering sapling gives me immense pleasure. It will save them from withering away. More residents should join lake activists for watering saplings during summer," he said. Emphasising the need for water saplings during summer, Balaji Raghotham, a volunteer for many lakes in Bengaluru East, said he was happy to see more people coming forward.

"I consider watering these saplings my responsibility towards the environment. I am very happy to be part of volunteers who work hard not only to water the saplings but also to keep the surroundings of the lake free from garbage – Naveen AB, citizen

"I have been bringing water in cans from home. It is a good initiative and deserves to be emulated by lake activists in other parts of the city. I thank all volunteers who made the Can Bhagiratha initiative successful," said Balaji Raghotham.

He said most saplings would get water if walkers brought one- or two-litre bottles from home.

"Let them water saplings as per their choice. It will ensure water for saplings during summer and greenery around the lake," he said.

Bengaluru Pink Line nears final safety clearance

The first phase of Bengaluru Metro's Pink Line, connecting Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara under Phase 3A, has entered the final stage of safety testing and is expected to open for public service soon. The 7.5-km elevated stretch, aimed at easing severe traffic congestion on Bannerghatta Road, is undergoing final safety checks by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO).

Tests covering track stability, train speed, movement on curves, and performance under peak passenger load have been completed. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited said final approval from the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS) is awaited before operations begin.

Key stations on the route include Kalena Agrahara, Hulimavu, IIMB, JP Nagar 4th Phase, and Jayadeva Hospital. Jayadeva station is

set to become a major interchange connecting the Pink and Green Lines.

The corridor is expected to improve mobility for thousands of daily commuters, students, and residents travelling through Bannerghatta Road, JP Nagar, and nearby areas. Experts believe the metro will reduce travel time, ease traffic congestion, and lower air pollution by offering a fast and reliable alternative to road transport. Metro services are likely to operate from 5 am to 11 pm, with six trains expected to be deployed once approvals are cleared. Officials said the full 13.76-km Pink Line corridor with 12 stations is expected to become operational by December. — BMB

18K sites in SK Layout to be allotted today

Deputy Chief Minister D Shivakumar announced that 18,000 sites will be allotted to 3,052 landowners who surrendered land for Shivaram Karanth Layout development in Bengaluru. The allotment process will begin on May 15 through software developed with Centre for e-Governance support. Special provisions have been made for owners seeking larger contiguous sites, including those eligible for high-rise developments. He also said a 10.77-km road in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, built at a cost of ₹631 crore, will be inaugurated within the next 15 days — BMB

3 people kidnapped for ransom in city each month

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disproportionate fear in society because they directly target personal security," said a criminologist studying organised urban crime.

Police officials point out that kidnapping-for-ransom cases often involve financial disputes, business rivalries, personal vendettas, custody conflicts or attempts at extortion rather than stereotypical organised gang abductions. However, experts warn that Bengaluru's rapidly expanding economy and rising wealth concentration can also make the city vulnerable to such crimes. "With increasing affluence, expanding business ecosystems and growing informal financial networks, cities like Bengaluru naturally become attractive for extortion-linked crimes unless policing and surveillance systems evolve simultaneously," a retired police officer said.

Interestingly, the NCRB report recorded no cases in Bengaluru under the category of importation of girls or boys from foreign countries under Section 141 BNS and the earlier Section 366-B IPC.

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Pothole danger

Ashok Nagar

Large craters at the Castle Street–Tate Lane junction in Ashok Nagar have remained unattended for months, posing danger amid heavy traffic.

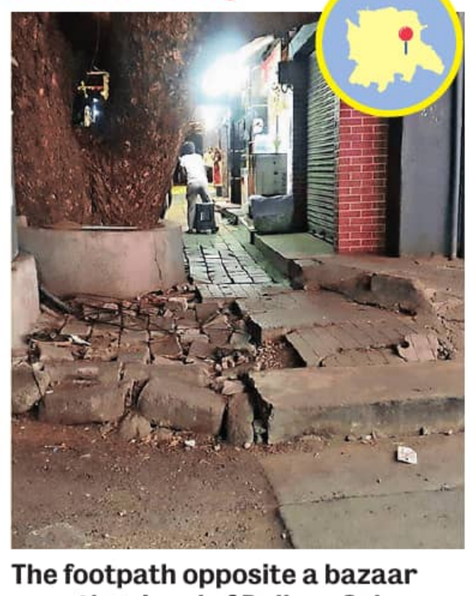
Double standards

Gandhi Nagar

A police vehicle was parked in front of a no-parking sign outside National Market in Gandhi Nagar, raising concerns over double standards in traffic enforcement.

Footpath neglect

Dollars Colony



The footpath opposite a bazaar near the signal of Dollars Colony, New BEL Road, is in a neglected condition, and authorities concerned may take steps to set it right.

Complaint marked 'closed', footpath says otherwise

Pedestrians raise concerns after grievance filed over encroachment on Swami Vivekananda Road marked 'closed,' even though obstructing shop remains, highlighting lack of effective action

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Despite complaint, structure still continues to block footpath near 1 MG Mall

Despite repeated drives by jurisdictional city corporation authorities, footpath encroachment remains a persistent menace across the city. Grievances are expected to be closed only after proper redressal, but engineers tasked with clearing encroachments have struggled to take effective measures.

Reliable sources allege that jurisdictional city corporation engineers have failed to clear petty shops and eateries encroaching footpaths, citing pressure from local politicians and their supporters. Caste and religion are also said to influence the persistence of encroachments.

Swami Vivekananda Road, like many others in the city, remains affected. A grievance filed on August 23, 2025, regarding encroachment near 1 MG Mall was allegedly closed without resolution. Complaint No 20855602, against a temporary puncture shop obstructing pedestrian movement, was reportedly marked closed despite the issue remaining unaddressed.

"The engineer attempted to remove the temporary shop but he could not do so because of political pressure. It is alleged that the person who maintains the puncture shop has been paying Rs 5,000 to one of the supporters of a prominent politician. We cannot expect the Bengaluru Central City Corporation engineers to remove encroachments on the footpath in an atmosphere where hardcore supporters of politicians rule the roost," said YB Reddy, pedestrian.

It is said that an abandoned police chowki has been converted into a temporary shop. "It is shocking to know that the authorities concerned failed to remove the temporary shop from the footpath even after eight months of lodging the complaint. It is quite amusing to come across the status of the grievance while the temporary shop is still existing and causing a lot of problems for the pedestrians," said Bharath P, another pedestrian.

Demanding the authorities concerned to ensure that footpaths are free of encroachments, Vinod Jacob, urban strategist, said that despite repeated complaints and reminders, footpaths across the city remain occupied, forcing pedestrians onto the roads amid dense vehicular traffic, endangering lives.

"Restoring clear, well-maintained footpaths is essential not just for safety, but to boost walkability, improve first and last mile connectivity to public transport, encourage sustainable urban mobility and also promote austerity measures the Prime Minister has advised," said Jacob. He urged authorities to take immediate action to remove all encroachments, while prioritising pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.

Swami Vivekananda Road is not the only stretch vulnerable to footpath encroachments.

The problem is widespread across the city, with Gandhi Bazar, Church Street, Jayanagar's 9th and 10th Main Roads and Sampige Road in Malleshwaram among several areas where pedestrians continue to face obstructions.

Habeas corpus not tool for family disputes: HC

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday observed that habeas corpus petitions cannot be used as a tool to resolve matrimonial disputes or compel adult women to return to their families.

A vacation bench comprising Justices HP Sandesh and P Sree Sudha dismissed two separate habeas corpus petitions, terming them an abuse of legal process, and imposed costs of Rs 25,000 each on the petitioners.

In the first case, a husband approached the court seeking the production of his child, alleging that the child had been taken away by the mother. However, the court

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held that the petitioner had bypassed the appropriate legal remedies and unnecessarily invoked the extraordinary writ jurisdiction.

In the second matter, a father alleged that his 25-year-old daughter was being illegally detained after she eloped with an unidentified person.

The court noted that the woman had left her home on April 6 and approached the police two days later seeking protection, fearing threat from family members. Stressing that she was an adult capable of making her own decisions, the bench said the writ of habeas corpus could not be invoked.

Ashwagandha advisory halted

The Karnataka High Court has stayed the implementation of a Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) advisory that prohibited the use of ashwagandha leaves and their extracts in health supplements and nutraceutical products.

The interim order came while the court was hearing petitions filed by manufacturers and industry stakeholders challenging the advisory issued by the food regulator. The petitioners argued that the directive would severely impact businesses dealing in herbal and Ayurvedic products and claimed that the restriction had been imposed without sufficient scientific backing or stakeholder consultation.

After considering the submissions, the High Court granted interim relief by staying the operation of the advisory until further orders. The matter is expected to be heard again at a later date.

'No deadline for partnership firm registration'

The Karnataka High Court has held that the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 does not prescribe any limitation period for the registration of an unregistered partnership firm, observing that firms can seek registration "at any time" after their establishment. Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the ruling while allowing a petition filed by Bengaluru-based M/s Spectrum Space Infra, whose application for registration had been denied.

The registrar had refused to process the application, citing Rule 4(2) of the Karnataka Partnership Rules, 1954, on the ground that the firm had not reported changes in its constitution within 15 days. **BMB**

B'luru's avenue trees face the axe, yet again

Avenue trees in the city are once again in the line of fire. In fresh orders, Bengaluru's Tree Expert Committee (TEC) has accorded permissions to cut or remove 349 trees to make way for urban infrastructure projects.

Out of these, 146 will either be cut or translocated for construction of a vehicle parking area inside the HAL campus and 203 trees will make space for construction of a foot over bridge, road widening and the construction of exit and entry of railway stations under the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP).

For the HAL parking space, a public notice was issued by GBA in December 2025 under the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act to invite objections and remarks from the public. According to HAL, the land under consideration for the proposed development is integral to HAL's operational requirements, particularly in addressing space constraints for staff parking.

"Inadequate parking not only leads to congestion but could also result in delayed maintenance, production activities and logistical challenges, issues that are directly tied to national security. The proposed development ensures that HAL can continue functioning at its full capacity, serving the country's defence needs without hindrance. HAL has explored several alternatives; however, the available space is the only feasible solution," HAL has clarified.

TEC, after a thorough discussion with the HAL authorities, has decided that out of the total 155 trees, 9 trees will be retained on-site as they are not affecting the development activities. The remaining 146 trees will either be felled or moved to a new location.

According to the office memorandum of TEC's order regarding K-RIDE's BSRP, permission was sought to remove 257 trees standing along the roadside, including the premises of the railway stations, such as in Jakkur, Thanisandra, Hennur and entry or exit structures of RK Hegde Nagar station, among other areas.

TEC conducted a field inspection and has decided that out of the total 267 trees, 64 trees standing in the project area will be retained on site and the remaining 203 trees will have to be either translocated or felled. **BMB**

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Jayanagar with 851 complaints, Mahadevapura with 594 top list

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movement tracking garbage blackspots across Bengaluru. "I love going on evening walks to get a cup of tea or coffee, and I saw garbage piled up. I accidentally stepped on garbage while trying to avoid a vehicle during my walk and I felt disgusted. Instead of just reporting this, I decided to come out with a solution," Jyothish said.

He began working on the platform on April 4 and publicly launched it on LinkedIn on April 8.

"On April 8, I published it on LinkedIn and got a lot of response from people. It became viral and then I knew, like me, many were relating to the garbage crisis in Bengaluru and wanted to make a change," he said.

The platform allows citizens to upload photographs of garbage issues directly from the location, helping map garbage complaints across the city. Among Bengaluru's zones, South Bengaluru recorded the highest number of complaints at 1,356 complaints across 72 wards, followed by East Bengaluru with 941 complaints across 50 wards. Central Bengaluru logged 751 complaints across 63 wards, North Bengaluru recorded 738 complaints across 72 wards, while West Bengaluru saw 695 complaints across 112 wards.

In terms of resolutions, East Bengaluru recorded the highest at 168 resolved complaints, while South Bengaluru had only 19 complaints resolved. Central Bengaluru recorded just one resolved complaint, North Bengaluru four, and West Bengaluru seven.

Blackspot alert

Some of the zones with the highest number of complaints include Jayanagar with 851 garbage complaints, Mahadevapura with 594, Byatarayanapura with 517, and Bommanahalli with 505 complaints.

While the large number of complaints points to persistent waste management issues in several areas, Jyothish believes it also reflects increasing citizen awareness and participation.

"While this shows that people across these wards know about the web app and have been actively engaging and complaining, which is a good sign, it also paints a picture of the number of garbage issues in many wards that are persisting," he said.

According to Jyothish, Mahadevapura has shown relatively better resolution rates due to active collaboration with local authorities and civic volunteers.

"In Mahadevapura, I have collaborated with the Mahadevapura Task Force where they saw my work and actively approached me. Marshals know about the website. Where there are complaints in Mahadevapura, it is being noted and resolved, and resolved pictures are uploaded as well," he said.

While citizens often raise concerns about civic grievance apps, where complaints are marked as resolved without corresponding on-ground action, Jyothish noted on the NammaKasa website, he conducts manual verification to ensure reported issues are actually addressed.

"On my website, one has to take the picture from the spot and report it from there itself so that the GPS location gets tracked. It goes through admin layers, which show the authenticity of the report through AI, and after that I verify if it's the right spot and approve it," he explained.

He added that some complaints may already have been resolved by the officials without being updated on the platform, since the initiative is still in its early stages. However, his long-term vision is to make the platform a collaborative tool between citizens and government agencies to improve accountability and waste management in Bengaluru.

Speaking about how South corporation has received more complaints, Raj from ploggers Army, said, "I feel more citizens are active in South Bengaluru and hence you see more people using these applications. Over the years, most of the NGOs and civic groups working on waste are predominantly based in the south - Hasirudala, LBTC, Ploggers Army, Saahas, Youth For Parivarthan are all based in the south."

He said the problem may be equally felt and observed in the other areas too but they might have not got captured. "While it's good to see citizens coming up with easy to complain applications, when we speak with the marshals, pourakarmikas, and civic groups, they also say that a strong tracking mechanism is needed to track the defaulters and penalise them. Gaps also exist in access to these apps for the civic authorities concerned and the response time of the civic authorities to address this. A collective responsibility with the use of technology is the need of the hour," Raj said.

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B'luru cop adds yet another fencing feather in his cap

2 silver medals at All India Police Games are latest in tally for Vidhana Soudha Sub Inspector, who battled hardships and self-doubt to attain glory

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Sub Inspector from Vidhana Soudha Police Station, Rajender Singh's recent triumph at the 2nd All India Police Games held in Jammu and Kashmir, where he won two silver medals in an individual and a team event, has marked another milestone. The officer has represented the Karnataka State Police Sports Promotion Board and brought recognition to the department with his wins across state, national and police-level tournaments.

He won a bronze medal at the State Olympics in Mangaluru and Tumakuru, followed by another bronze medal at the All-India Police Games in Jalandhar, and was part of the 35th and 36th Senior National Championships. He represented the nation and won gold at the 2nd South Asian Fencing Championship in 2012 and has represented the state more than 20 times in inter-university and zonal championships.

With all these laurels and duty calls comes a man from humble roots. According to him, his father passed away in a road accident in 2007 when he was only in Class 9. His mother then worked tirelessly to provide for him and his younger brother. He shared that his mother travelled several kilometres, often changing buses to reach her workplace, while his grandparents and uncles stood by the family during difficult times.

"My uncle used to run a milk parlour. My brother and I used to deliver milk and newspapers to hotels, hospitals, tea shops and houses. We would start by 4 am and finish our duties by 5.30 am. After that, we would rush to practice on our cycles from Yeshwantpur to Kanteerava Stadium," he recalled, adding that one uncle supported him in sports while another took care of his education.

Alongside his sporting career, he completed his studies at Vivekananda PU College and later pursued B.Com at Seshadripuram College. He then completed his M.Com at Jain University, where he received a scholarship of Rs 95,000 for winning medals. After finishing his studies, he worked at Bosch

Rajender Singh credits uncle for his belief in him at the beginning; intense training and KSP's support help him shine on in his sport

and later shifted to Eurofins IT Solutions, but his childhood dream of becoming a police officer continued to motivate him. "Before I joined the KSP, I tried to apply for PSI twice through the sports quota. I cleared my physical exam but couldn't clear the written exam. I was eagerly waiting for the sports quota notification, and the moment it arrived I applied and got in," he said.

His uncle, Shashidhar Singh, introduced him to fencing. His uncle represented the state several times and participated in the Commonwealth and World Championships. Rajender said his uncle, along with coach Irom Deban Singh, became the biggest guiding force in his life.

Rajender shared that he once trained for six years without winning a medal, which added to his self-doubt. "Most of the relatives asked me why do I want to get into fencing. They asked me leave sports and go for some work and earn. At that time, my uncle did not stop believing in me and he brought me back to focus, saying that one day I will be rewarded for my patience," he said.

Training schedule

He trains twice a day from 6.30 am to 9 am and then from 4 pm to 6 pm. During tournaments, the training becomes more intense and can extend to three sessions with warm-up exercises, footwork drills, partner workouts, individual lessons and stretching sessions. For recovery, he swims with his team of 18 members and follows an endurance and agility-based programme designed by his coach. He maintains a high-protein diet and avoids oily and rice-based food.

The Karnataka State Police provides support to the Sub Inspector by covering TA and DA expenses for competitions. The department has also provided fencing equipment. He shared that the department rewards medal winners with recognition and appreciation letters that help during promotions.

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PBKS duo create history with 1,000+ partnership runs

Punjab Kings' Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh celebrate their partnership

Punjab Kings (PBKS) star opening batters Prabhsimran Singh and Priyansh Arya etched their name in record books as they became the first uncapped pair to aggregate 1000+ partnership runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

The duo achieved the feat against the Mumbai Indians (MI) in their Indian Premier League 2026 clash at HPCA Stadium on Thursday. The pair added 50 runs for the opening wicket before Deepak Chahar dismissed Arya for 22 in the final over of the powerplay.

With his knock of 22, Priyansh Arya became only the second uncapped Indian player to score 350 or more runs in each of his first two IPL seasons, having accumulated 475 runs in 2025 and 357* in 2026, joining Ambati Rayudu, who achieved 356 runs in 2010 and 395 in 2011.

Prabhsimran Singh brought up his second half-century of the season against the Mumbai Indians in the 11th over, reaching the milestone in style with a massive six. The opener played a scintillating knock of 57 off just 32 deliveries, smashing six fours and four sixes.

However, his innings was cut short in the very next over when Shardul Thakur dismissed the right-hander.

Prabhsimran (549 in 2025 & 438* in 2026) becomes the third uncapped Indian player after Suryakumar Yadav (2018, 2019, & 2020) and Abhishek Sharma (2022 & 2024) to aggregate 400+ runs in multiple IPL seasons.

Coming to the match, A fluent fifty from Prabhsimran Singh and valuable lower-order contributions helped PBKS post a competitive 200/8.

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Happy to see him get those runs: Padikkal hails Kohli's unbeaten ton

IPL 2026

An unbeaten century from Virat Kohli helped Royal Challengers Bengaluru chase down 193 with authority against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), and his teammate Devdutt Padikkal said the innings was a reminder of why Kohli remains one of the game's elite performers.

Kohli entered the contest under scrutiny after registering back-to-back ducks, only the second such sequence of his IPL career. But the former RCB captain responded in emphatic fashion, pacing the chase superbly and remaining unbeaten through the innings as RCB climbed to the top of the IPL points table.

Padikkal, who shared a rapid 92-run second-wicket partnership with Kohli, admitted he found himself admiring the knock from the non-striker's end.

"It was incredible to watch," Padikkal said after the win, according to ESPNcricinfo. "I think I had the best seat in the house. Some of the shots he played were simply remarkable."

The left-hander said Kohli showed no signs of carrying the burden of recent failures despite acknowledging before the game that he had been "a bit nervous".

"Obviously, coming into this game after two ducks is never easy, and he showed why he is who he is," Padikkal said.

He further added, "To not have that on his mind and to just go out there and bat the way he does was something incredible. Really happy to see him get those runs."

Kohli also became the first Indian batter to reach 14,000 runs in T20 cricket. Overall, Kohli is only the sixth batter in the world to achieve the landmark.

The veteran batter slammed a brilliant hundred against KKR and played some unbelievable shots to record his 9th IPL hundred.

Chris Gayle (14,562), Kieron Pollard (14,482), Alex Hales (14,449), David Warner (14,284) and Jos Buttler (14,200) are ahead of Kohli on the all-time T20 run-scoring list.

RCB's chase was built around composure rather than panic, with Padikkal insisting the pair focused more on building a substantial stand than obsessing over the asking rate. After Padikkal made 39 from 27 balls, Bengaluru were already firmly in control at 129 for 2 in the 14th over.

"I don't think we really went into the specifics of anchoring," Padikkal explained. "It was more about making sure we took the game to a certain stage where we felt the rest of our batting line-up would be in a comfortable position."

With nine IPL centuries and one international T20 hundred, Kohli became the first Indian batter to register 10 centuries in the shortest format of the game.

—ANI

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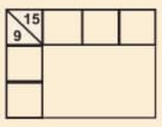
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

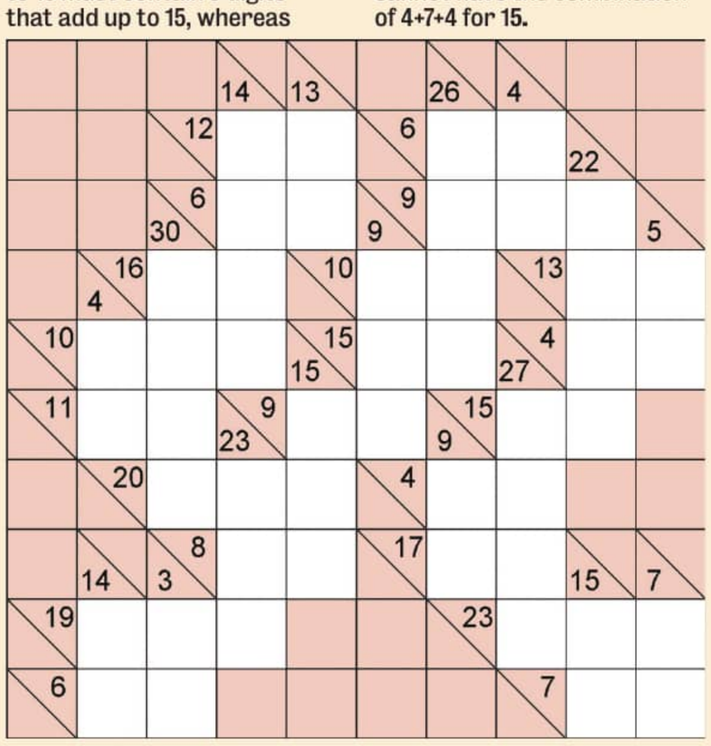
√[(2^3) + (4^2) + (5^2)] / [∛1000 – (3^2)] = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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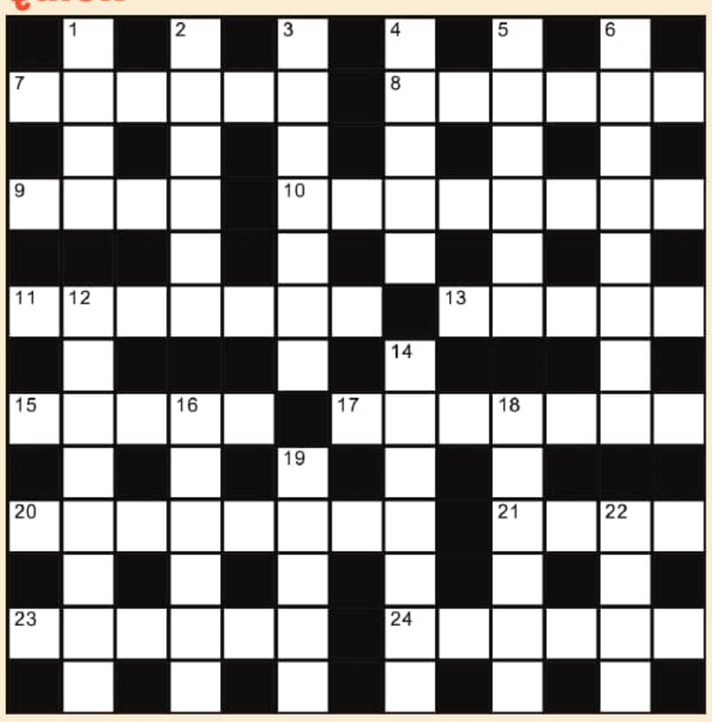


ACROSS

7 Government office (6)
8 Excessively (6)
9 Chinese: Prefix (4)
10 Like a tramp or vagrant (8)
11 Popular music streaming service (7)
13 Between ports (2,3)
15 Shoots a movie (5)
17 Declare openly (7)
20 Indian queen or empress (8)
21 Foundation (4)
23 Of clothes, short and revealing (6)
24 Looked lasciviously at (6)

DOWN

1 Japanese mountain (4)
2 Evict an alien (6)
3 Go away! (slang) (4,3)
4 Condemns or damns (5)
5 A fanatical person (6)
6 Bunches of things growing together (8)
12 Ms Chopra of Bollywood (8)
14 Tourist destination home to the Ranganatha Swamy Temple (1,1,5)
16 Noxious emanation (6)
18 Told trivial lies (6)
19 Lascivious man (5)
22 Flower part (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS L

BQQ UZN HRXNHO HFL RLUE UZN ONB; PNU UZN ONB RO LEU KFQQ.

Linemaro

You know what's my resolution for this year? It's NOT you!

Mindchow

Many a man is saved from being a thief by finding everything locked up

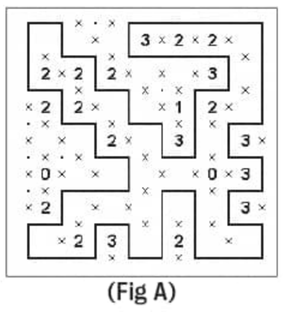
Joke of the day

Nothing is illegal if one hundred wellplaced businessmen decide to do it

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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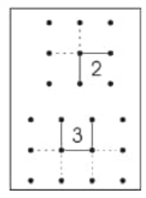
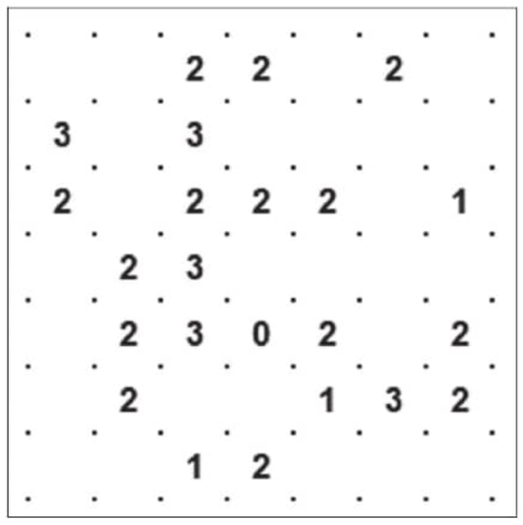


(Fig B) Not Allowed

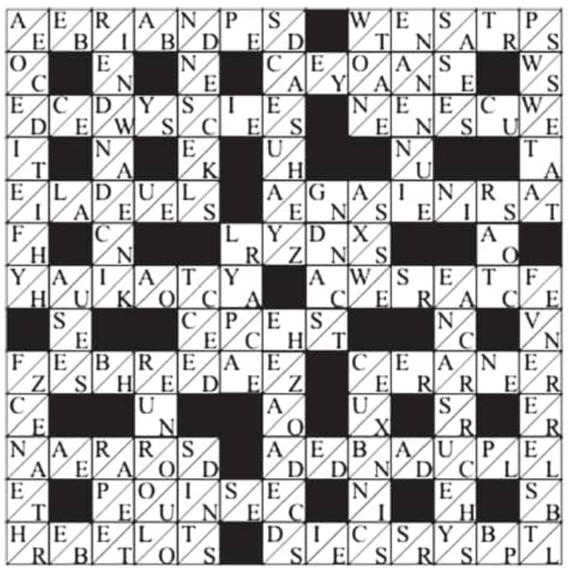
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9		W		

ACROSS

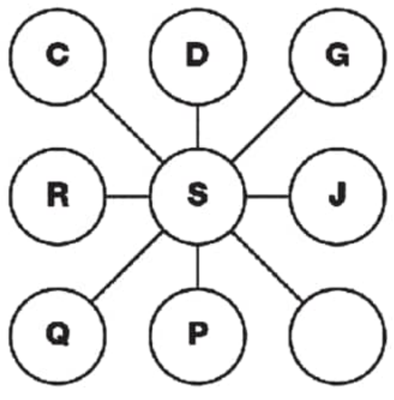
1 Wraps; 6 Or ape; 7 Pions; 8 A seer; 9 Or Wed

DOWN

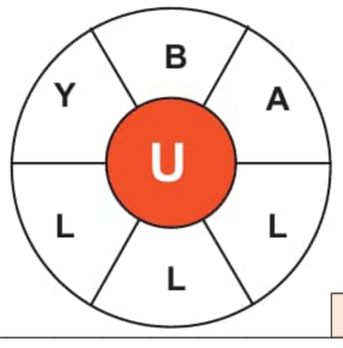
1 OD woe; 2 A prop; 3 Wears; 4 Peris; 5 Earns

Mensapuzzle

Which letter is missing?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; **03** Good; **04** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	9				4			
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9	8							
4				6				5
							4	2
5			9	8			6	1
			1				5	
7			4				3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 13

3 9 9 8

Medium = 36

6 7 7 3

Hard = 27

3 4 7 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

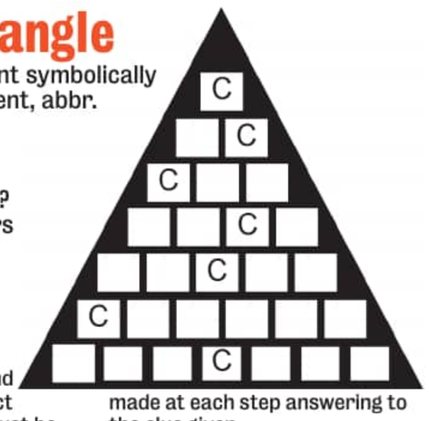
Differences: 1. Box is moved. 2. Thumb is moved. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Apron bow is missing. 6. Bow tie is lower.

Riddler

The more you make of me the more you leave behind. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Diamond's element symbolically
2 Alternating current, abbr.
3 Vehicle
4 Circle parts
5 Academy Award
6 Christmas songs?
7 Prophets or seers



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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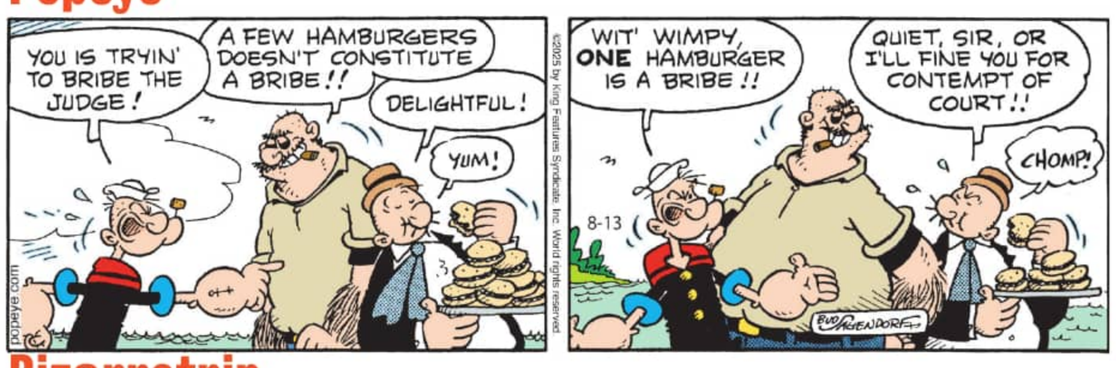
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A FEW HAMBURGERS DOESN'T CONSTITUTE A BRIBE!!
DELIGHTFUL!
YUM!
WIT' WIMPY, ONE HAMBURGER IS A BRIBE!!
QUIET, SIR, OR I'LL FINE YOU FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT!!
CHOMP!
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BUD SAGENDORF
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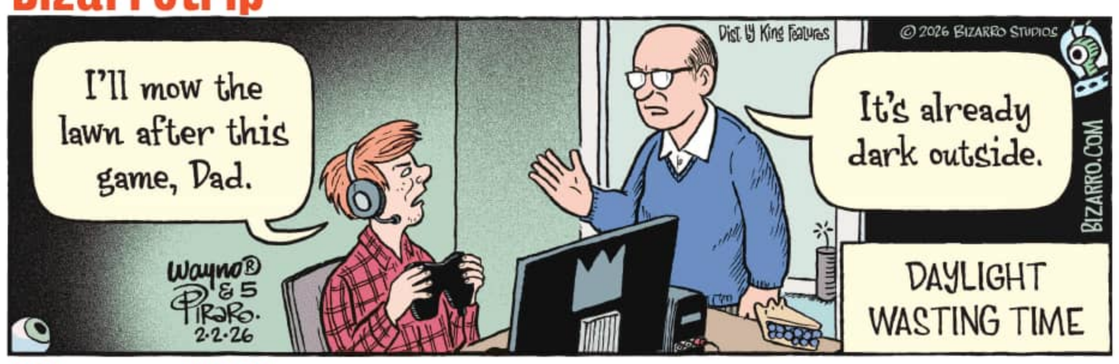
I'll mow the lawn after this game, Dad.
It's already dark outside.
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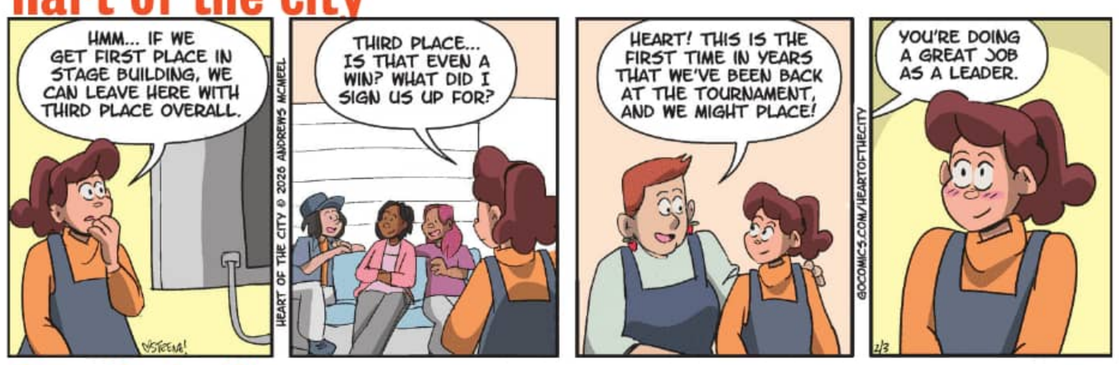
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


HMM... IF WE GET FIRST PLACE IN STAGE BUILDING, WE CAN LEAVE HERE WITH THIRD PLACE OVERALL.
THIRD PLACE... IS THAT EVEN A WIN? WHAT DID I SIGN US UP FOR?
HEART! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN BACK AT THE TOURNAMENT, AND WE MIGHT PLACE!
YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB AS A LEADER.
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Crankshaft

I'M GOING ONLINE TO ORDER THE MARSHALL CRENSHAW TICKETS.
THANKS... AND GOOD LUCK.
Forgotten your login password? That's a shame.
Check your email for a link that will allow you to create a super strong password that you'll forget to save and have zero chance of remembering the next time you want to login.
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Mutts

MOOCH, IT'S THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!! THE GROUNDHOG IS FINALLY COMING OUT!!!
WOW! LOOK! A HAWK!
...NOPE... JUST A SHPARROW
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WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Personal freedom and exploration are your driving forces. You may feel a strong urge to break free from restrictive situations or old habits. Travel, especially to places near water, will be incredibly restorative. Your social circle expands to include people from diverse backgrounds. Embrace the unknown with courage; your most exciting adventures are currently waiting just over the horizon.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Your love life improves, making it perfect for a thoughtful date. Work responsibilities may increase, bringing pressure, but you will manage well. Be mindful of spending and maintain financial balance.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may face complex personalities today, but your calm nature will help you handle situations gracefully. Minor relationship misunderstandings can be resolved. Financial stability stays strong, though take extra care of health.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today brings opportunities to pursue your dream career path with confidence. Positive news from your partner uplifts your mood. Reconnecting with someone from your past may require cautious and mindful interaction.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Some plans may face delays, but legal or pending matters could turn favourable. Focus on maintaining your health and balance commitments carefully while enjoying gradual improvements in your personal relationships.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Minor health discomforts may arise but are manageable with care. Students can expect academic success. Social challenges will be resolved smoothly, while professional growth brings stability and strengthens your financial situation.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Be mindful of whom you trust and share personal matters with today. Temporary tensions may arise but will pass. Financial improvements are likely, bringing short-term relief and helping you regain stability.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Emotional ups and downs may arise, but support from an old friend will uplift you. Financial challenges continue, yet relationships grow stronger as you express feelings openly and nurture meaningful connections.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today favours progress, bringing positive developments in both personal and professional areas. Stay persistent in your efforts, as new opportunities may arise, leading to growth, success, and improved financial stability.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Be cautious with agreements and review details carefully before committing. Positive news from someone you know may brighten your day. Health improves, and new partnerships could emerge despite ongoing financial adjustments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Your dedication at work brings rewarding outcomes and recognition. Enjoy quality time with loved ones, but remain mindful of overextending your kindness. Financial stability improves while staying attentive to family health needs.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Opportunities in career and love bring encouraging results today. While finances may need attention, health shows improvement. Be cautious with paperwork and avoid agreements that could strain personal relationships.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Appreciate what you have and take time for self-discovery today. Challenges will help you grow stronger and prove your capabilities. Finances remain steady, while caring for loved ones becomes especially important.

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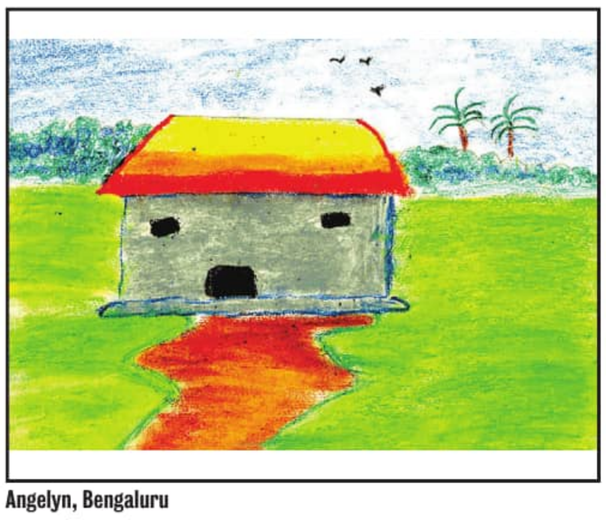

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BULL'S EYE
bull, bully, lull, LULLABY

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
0. Starting top left and moving clockwise in a spiral, letters follow the alphabetical sequence, missing out letters written without any curved lines.

QUOTE UNCODE
All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full.

SUDOKU

6	2	5	3	9	7	4	1	8
8	9	7	6	1	4	5	2	3
3	4	1	8	2	5	6	9	7
9	8	2	5	4	1	3	7	6
4	7	3	2	6	9	1	8	5
1	5	6	7	3	8	9	4	2
5	3	4	9	8	2	7	6	1
2	6	9	1	7	3	8	5	4
7	1	8	4	5	6	2	3	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, AC, Car, Arcs, Oscar, Carols, Oracles.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 9 − 8 + 3 = 13
7 + 7 x 3 − 6 = 36
Medium
Hard
7 − 4 x 8 + 3 = 27

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Dance pact revealed
Madhuri Dixit recalled making a unique pact with Saroj Khan after Ek Do Teen, promising never to repeat dance steps

WRAPPED IN ETHNIC

Shraddha Kapoor completes filming for Eetha, portraying Vithabai Narayangaonkar's remarkable journey through fame

Shraddha Kapoor has reportedly completed shooting for 'Eetha', upcoming biopic on legendary Tamasha artiste Vithabai Narayangaonkar. The film traces Vithabai's journey from 1940 to 1990, showing her rise, fame and later struggles. Final schedule ended with a large montage song filmed in Bhor, Maharashtra, featuring Shraddha and a crowd of 800 people. Project marks Shraddha's first collaboration with director Laxman Utekar.

Shoot in Bhor

As reported by Mid-day, makers wrapped filming on May 5 with a massive montage song sequence in Bhor, Maharashtra. Song captures the emotional arc of Shraddha's character, from youth to fame and later hardships. Report stated, "The final song has a montage that chronicles the journey of Shraddha's character from a young woman to her brush with fame and finally how she falls on hard times. Like the remaining numbers, this too has been choreographed by Vaibhavi Merchant."

The report added that the final schedule marked the end of a 60-day shoot that began in March. Teams filmed across Madh Island in Mumbai, Solapur, Aundhewadi, Satara and Nashik. Shraddha began shooting for 'Eetha' in November 2025.

The buzz around project grew after a photo of the clapboard went viral on social media.

Vithabai in 'Eetha'

'Eetha' is based on Vithabai Narayangaonkar, one of Marathi folk theatre's most respected names, known for her contribution to Tamasha, traditional performance art blending music, dance and storytelling. The film is expected to present one of Shraddha's most performance-led roles. She was last seen in 'Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank' in 2024.

Shraddha remains active online and recently celebrated India's ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025-win, writing, "We used to hear stories about emotion our parents felt after India won World Cup in 1983. Thank you for giving us that moment." **— ETimes**

Arjun lands biggie

Arjun Rampal appears to be enjoying a strong comeback phase. After earning praise for his performance in the Dhurandhar franchise, the actor has reportedly landed on another major project. Industry buzz suggests he has been signed to play the antagonist in filmmaker Anil Sharma's upcoming action entertainer Arjun Naga, with reports claiming he has been offered ₹6 crore.

Arjun recently impressed audiences as Major Iqbal in Dhurandhar: The Revenge, with many calling it one of his strongest villain performances. "The makers wanted a powerful performer for the villain's role."

They believe it will become another standout performance after Dhurandhar: The Revenge." Another source added, "Arjun has hiked his price after Dhurandhar. He has reportedly been offered ₹6 crore." Arjun Naga marks Anil Sharma's fifth collaboration with son Utkarsh Sharma and is expected to begin shooting in Mumbai on May 17. **— ETimes**

Beyond social media

Sara Ali Khan has spoken openly about the impact of social media comments and trolling. The actor said criticism does affect her because she works for audiences. At the same time, she said she has learned to balance public response with her own effort, process and faith. She said growth has taught her to separate harsh reactions from honest feedback, while staying grounded through patience and reflection.

In an interview with IANS, Sara was asked if social media comments affect her mental health. She replied, "I'll be lying if I say I don't get affected. I do get affected because ultimately, I do what I do for my audiences, and if I disappoint them, I don't feel good. But somewhere in this journey of having been here for a while, you start working for yourself. I learned that late in my career."

On the work front, Sara will next appear in romantic comedy 'Pati Patni Aur Woh Do.' The film also stars Ayushmann Khurrana, Rakul Preet Singh, and Wamiqa Gabbi in key roles. Directed by Mudassar Aziz, it was released in theatres on May 15. **— ETimes**

Voices of equality

Nanna Ooseru Eru Vavaregu Helu Teni Jai Bheem," a Kannada rap tribute to BR Ambedkar by rapper Ankit Kumar and music producer Vicky Vortex, is gaining traction online. The song has crossed nearly one million views across platforms and continues to top charts, according to the duo.

The track blends raw energy and conscious rap with cinematic orchestral production, spreading messages of equality, justice, and constitutional values. It took nearly five years to complete and reflect Ankit's observations of casteism, which he says remains more visible in villages than metros.

"People think Ambedkar stood only for one community, but that is not true. I read the Constitution and his works. He created it for every Indian to be equal, and I wanted to spread that message through music," said Ankit.

The song highlights Ambedkar's early struggles, including denial of access to wells, classroom segregation, and exclusion from basic amenities. "The same man denied dignity went on to write the Constitution," he added.

The duo says the track challenges misconceptions around Ambedkar.

Vicky said the production aimed to feel revolutionary and cinematic, combining hip hop with orchestral elements like trumpets, French horns, risers, and beat drops. He used pauses and effects to heighten emotion.

Alongside this project, both artists are receiving Kannada film offers. Ankit recently released Bava Bava and is working on independent and film projects, including tracks for upcoming movie Rashi. **— Vasudha Zora**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
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Novel meets cinema

The team of Kannada movie Tiklu Rama recently unveiled the novel version of its script at Mantri Mall, with around 40 percent of the film's shooting completed.

The novel was launched in the presence of Dr Doddarange Gowda, Suchendra Prasad, writer-director B Shivananda and Dr Bharath.

The film is directed by Manjukavi, while Dr Rajveer plays the lead. It also features Suchendra Prasad, Chaitra Ram, Janagir, Komala Nataraju, Nikhita Swamy and Girish. It is supported by Shruti GB and Komala Nataraju under Karishma-Shravya Combines and is billed as an offbeat film highlighting environmental importance.

Dr Rajveer said he is contemplating changing the film's title. "A final decision is yet to be taken on changing the movie's title. We will inform you in the future," he said.

He added that everyone should read the novel. "The novel highlights environmental importance. Suchendra Prasad played a legislator in the movie," he said.

Recalling how Dr Doddarange Gowda's speeches inspired him during high school, Rajveer said writing short stories was always his passion.

Dr Doddarange Gowda appreciated the script, saying, "The novel is very good and worth reading for all who want to contribute towards environment."

Cyber-crime decoded

Not many movies based on cybercrime have been made in Sandalwood. Debutant director D Hariprakash, basically a software engineer, has wielded the megaphone for Kannada movie Geek, which focuses on the menace of cybercrime. The title has already created curiosity among moviegoers.

The team recently unveiled the movie teaser on D Beats YouTube channel, and around 50 Sandalwood celebrities have appreciated the concept.

Hariprakash makes his directorial debut in Sandalwood with Geek. "I am basically a software engineer. My passion for movies made me direct a short film, 65 Views, a few years ago. I got good feedback and appreciation from viewers for the short film," Hariprakash said.

The director said the movie focuses on recent cybercrimes, including misuse of mobile apps and data. "The shooting was held in Bengaluru. As of now, we are busy with post-production work. I am happy to have experienced technicians on board," he said.

The movie features Praveen Tej, Chaitra Achar, Kiran Srinivas, and Viranika Shetty. It is supported by Sandeep Nagaraj and Priyanka under SVM Productions and Hariprakash Films banner.